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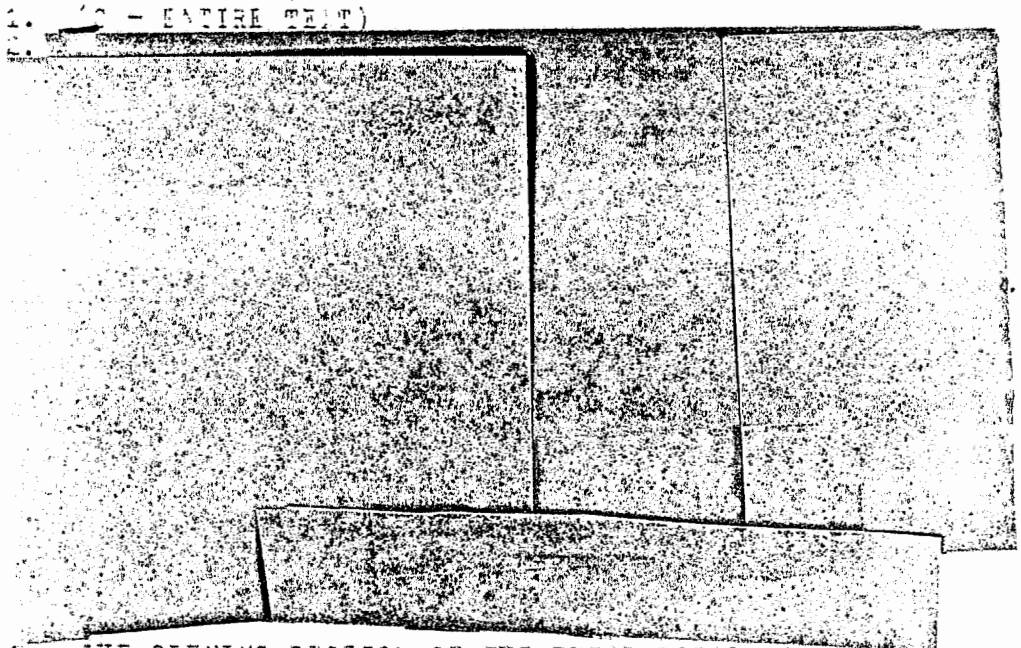

2. THE OPENING SESSION OF THE TRIAL TODAY WAS UNEVENTFUL, WITH MOST OF THE TIME BEING TAKEN UP BY READING OF THE LENGTHY INDICTMENT. SINCE THE NEXT SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 18 (AUGUST 15 IS A KOREAN HOLIDAY), WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PROCEED APACE, WHICH WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD WANT TO DO IN ANY CASE. AS FAR AS THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE TRIAL, THE KIM JAE KYU (BROTHER-IN-LAW: KIM CHAE-KYU) TRIAL LASTED 22 DAYS, AND THERE WERE ONLY 7 DEFENDANTS. THERE ARE 24 DEFENDANTS IN THE KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL. BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE DEFENDANTS [illegible]

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